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#### **Just passing through: Bagram terminal busiest in DoD**

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12/30/2012 - BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan -- It could be a father going home on emergency leave. It could be a general arriving for an official visit. It could even be a whole Army division on its way to relieve their comrades in the field.

Whoever they are and where ever they need to go, the 455 Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron stands ready to send them on their way.

"Our daily mix of passengers is people coming TDY in and out, the R&R passengers and our space-[required] passengers that are trying to get to their onward locations," said Capt. Heather Higley, officer-in-charge of the 455th EAPS passenger terminal.

The 455th EAPS moves the highest number of passengers in the Department of Defense, with 1,200 passing through its doors on an average day. On September 8, the terminal set a record when they processed 2,200 passengers in a single day.

Part of that high number came from troops rotating in and out of theater, said Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Giordano, passenger terminal superintendent.

"With the 81st Airborne [Division] that was here before, we were talking about in a two-month period about 20 to 25 flights of cargo and passengers," Giordano said.

When passengers arrive, the EAPS is responsible for getting them and their baggage off the aircraft and to the terminal, where they are either released to their units or prioritized for onward travel. Capt. Higley noted that, unlike at home station, here the terms space-available and space-required are used interchangeably, as all passengers without a unit line number assigning them to a specific aircraft can only check in to travel to a specific destination.

They then have to wait for the next available flight according to their reason for travel, with those going on emergency leave receiving top priority.



BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan --Servicemembers board a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III here Dec. 28, 2012. The re-deployers are processed for their flight through the 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron which has the highest number of passengers in the Department of Defense. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

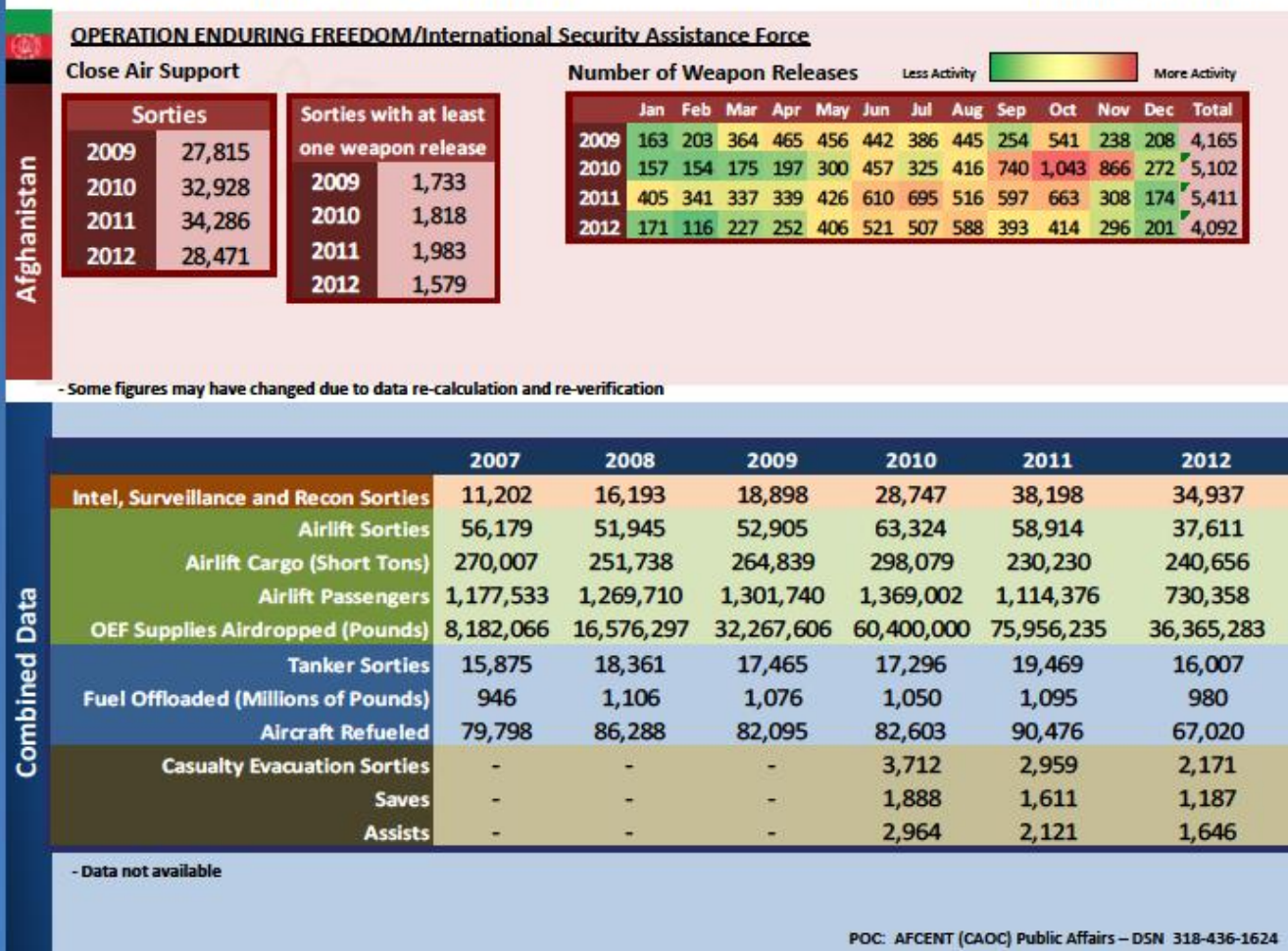
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